

## **Joint Outreach Event – Regulatory and Mitigation Updates**

**Date:** Wednesday April 19, 2017

**Time:** 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM (CDT)

**Location:** Fleming Training Center  
2022 Blanton Drive  
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) are holding a Joint Outreach Event to inform the general public, regulated stakeholders, and mitigation practitioners of changes in regulations/policy and new mitigation tools related to TDEC Aquatic Resource Alteration Permits (ARAPs) and USACE Clean Water Act Section 404 Permits.

The morning session (8:00 AM until noon) will consist of streamlining initiatives recently developed by the USACE and TDEC. Most notably, the USACE has recently revised and renewed nationwide permits (NWP), effective March 19, 2017. These NWPs authorize work in streams, wetlands and other waters of the United States under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899. The NWPs provide expedited review of projects that have minimal impact on the aquatic environment. Categories of activities that may be covered under the NWPs include linear transportation projects, bank stabilization activities, residential development, commercial and industrial development, aids to navigation and certain maintenance activities. TDEC will discuss the development of new General ARAPs for Minor Water Withdrawal and Structural Discharges.

Afternoon topics (beginning at 1:30) will include an overview of the TDEC/USACE Regulatory Coordination process for early coordination of large-scale, complex projects and/or projects requiring compensatory mitigation. The remaining portion of the afternoon will include information on the development of geomorphic regional curves throughout the state, review of mitigation guidance, guidance on proposing dam removal for compensatory mitigation, and the development of a stream quantification tool to gage stream functional lift.

This event is free and open to the public, however space may be limited. If you are planning to attend this outreach event, please [REGISTER ONLINE HERE](#).